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For: NOVEL COMPOSITIONS FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE OF A BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE AGENT, AND THE PREPARATION THEREOF

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each document is attached.

The listed documents were cited in a search report for either the Finnish priority application or the corresponding International Application. Copies of the Finnish and PCT Search Reports are attached for the convenience of the Examiner.

The attention of the Patent Office is drawn to the fact that a patent application which may be directed to related technical matter was filed on February 28, 2002, and assigned Serial No. 10/069,785. This identification is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to the cited applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully

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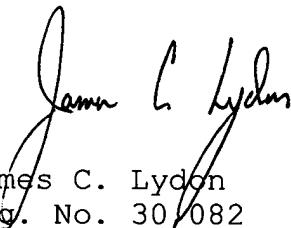
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requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of this application.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No.50-1258 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement. Two copies of this authorization are attached.

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